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Dear Josh:

Last week I had an opportunity to discuss the general topic of extra^{terrestrial} instrumentation for microbiology with Professor Caspersson after a lapse of several months. He repeated that he was very much interested in the possibility of studying life on other bodies than the earth, which he calls "one of the most attractive problems in science," and he is quite willing to take part in discussions on the subject. However, he said that he had regretfully decided that he must resolve to reduce rather than increase the number of his fields of attention; so he would have to say "no" with respect to any active participation in the problem. He said that in line with his resolution he was getting out of the United Nations radiation committee and probably also of the Swedish executive committee for UNESCO.

I was personally very glad that Dr. Revesz' visa has been granted. I honestly believe that the Government agencies involved (and of which my office is happily not one) did a reasonably fast job on his application, but I hope that the conclusion of this case does not make you forget that the general problem of visas continue to exist. Sometime I would be glad to discuss it with you.

Sincerely yours,

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